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F-16s Chase Glowing Red Light Across Georgia

On Feb. 15, at approximately 10 p.m. a gentleman, who requested his name be withheld, was standing in his kitchen when he heard the sound of a jet or jets hitting their afterburners. He knew the sound well because of his lifelong involvement with the military. After hearing the jets go to afterburners he ran outside and saw an object, which he described as a red light, being chased by what appeared to be F-16 fighter jets. The object and jets disappeared over the trees in a matter of seconds.

MUFON of Georgia received the information on Feb. 17, on our newly publicized hotline number. Following up on a report that channel 11 news had mentioned the object during a broadcast, Henry Owens, Public Relations Director, immediately contacted their news team, and learned that they had received several calls regarding the object. They too were interested in learning more about this sighting. Further details regarding this sighting are pending an investigation.

According to Henry, "The word about MUFON of Georgia and our hotline is getting out there slowly, but surely. Keep putting out the MUFON of Georgia info cards." If you have any information concerning a UFO sighting in your area, please call (770) 935-7865.

"...we are dealing with multiple groups of alien entities. And there is reason to conclude at this point that they have overlapping yet differing agendas ... the visitors to Earth are not a single, unified force." - Dan Wright

MUFON 1995 International UFO Symposium
Ufology: A Scientific Paradigm

APRIL 13th - GEORGE FAWCETT TO SPEAK TO MUFON OF GEORGIA

An international UFO lecturer, Mr. George Fawcett has been investigating and researching UFOs for nearly 50 years. He is the author of over 100 UFO research articles as well as the book *Quarter Century Studies of UFOs in Florida, North Carolina, and Tennessee*. Mr. Fawcett's credentials and many contributions to the study of UFOs are too numerous to list here.

A slide show will accompany Mr. Fawcett's lecture for MUFON of Georgia which will contain many interesting photographs of UFOs. The lecture will be April 13, 1996 at 7:00pm at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Building (75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville) in the auditorium. Tickets for this event are \$15 per person at the door. For more information call (770) 935-7865.



Calendar of Events

March 9, 5:00 p.m. Field investigator training class.

March 9, 7:00 p.m. MUFON of Georgia Meeting.

March 15 - 17 Gulf-Breeze UFO Conference

For information call:

(904) 432-8888

April 13, 7:00 p.m. MUFON of Georgia presents:
George Fawcett, International UFO
lecturer. Contact Henry or Kelley
Owens at (770) 935 - 7865 for
more information.

May 4 - 5 Second Annual UFO and Alien
Research Conference
Greenville, South Carolina
Shannon Kludge, (803) 675-9328

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My Experience with CSETI and a Close Encounter with Steven Greer

by Susanna Felder

A few years ago some of you may have attended, as I did, a seminar in Marietta given by Steven Greer, founder of CSETI (the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence). Steven talked about his own beliefs and experiences that led him to found CSETI.

He also described the development of the CSETI protocols, which involves three components: 1) use of 1/2 or 1 megawatt flashing lights, making geometric patterns, as homing signals for the ships; 2) playing a tape of the sounds of ships (which he supplies to certified CSETI team leaders), and 3) "Coherent Thought Sequencing", which involves everyone in the group simultaneously focusing on the intent of making contact, mentally guiding the ships to the group, and projecting peaceful and open friendliness to the intelligences on the ships.

This protocol made a lot of sense to me, and Steven and the CSETI groups in the U.S., England and other places have had some success with it, though so far as I know they have not yet had a "close encounter of the fifth kind", where the ship lands and you are invited aboard. It was an excellent seminar, generally, and I immediately signed up as a CSETI member.

But I was shocked when I read the fine print on the membership agreement, especially the clause that said if you were doing a CSETI-protocol "sky watch" session and made an audio or video tape of any level of encounter with ships of any kind and under any circumstances, you were agreeing to turn over the originals to CSETI, *and keep no copies for yourself!!!!*

When I objected to this, to Steven, he muttered something about people being irresponsible and getting hold of some good material and then rushing out and trying to sell it to the media for millions of \$\$, or words to that effect, as though he was the only

DON'T FORGET!!



MUFON of GEORGIA
MEMBERSHIP DUES
FOR 1996
MUST BE PAID BY
APRIL 13, 1996.

Message From the Editor

If you believe that nothing UFO related is happening in Georgia, then you may want to start attending the MUFON of Georgia meetings. Our hotline which has only been in operation for several months is starting to get calls.

About ten people are going through field investigator training to learn the proper procedures for investigating UFO sightings. Currently we only have several certified field investigators, and they are so over-loaded with cases that they flinch at the thought of taking on another case. Henry and Kelley are mailing over 400 letters per month trying to flush out even more sightings (to break in our soon-to-be new field investigators).

Incidentally, if April comes but your newsletter doesn't, that means you forgot to pay your \$22 dues, or someone at the business office made a mistake. Over half our membership has contributed but there are still a few hold outs. Why pay the optional dues? Does the money go to buy beer for the members who lives in Atlanta? NO. It helps pay postage. Those 32 cent stamps are killing us -- seriously. As mentioned above, MUFON of Georgia is mailing about 450 pieces of mail per month. Most of these mailings are to request sightings from TV and radio stations, police, fire stations, the military, airports, etc. If you do the math, 450 mailings times \$0.32 = \$144 per month or \$1,728 per year! Yikes! And we incur other costs besides postage. As a bonus for paying your dues, we send out this newsletter which we hope to have brimming with up to the minute information as our efforts start to pay off. Maybe you think this newsletter sucks. Maybe you don't want this newsletter at all. Pay your dues anyway. Volunteer time if possible. We have lots of opportunities.

Sending out letters to everyone who might receive UFO reports every three months -- beating them over the head with our name and number -- and operating the UFO hotline is the only hope we have of getting information. We are it. No one else is even attempting to do what MUFON of Georgia is trying on such a grand scale -- with the possible exception of a few secret government agencies (wink).

responsible person and everyone else was irresponsible. I was astounded. It seemed clear to me it was an out-and-out power issue -- he wanted first and sole proprietorship over any evidentiary documentation of any encounter where the CSETI protocols were used. I joined anyway, since I had no intention at that time of becoming that involved in the "field work," which involved all-nighters on a regular basis.

But the evening "field work" session, which happened to have been planned to take place near my home, in Rabun County, at Black Rock Mountain (a state park, perched on the side of a 3000 foot plus mountain, and giving a clear view of at least 270 degrees of arc of the night sky) proved to be very enlightening. Though the seminar had been attended by upward by upwards of 100 people, only about 40 people in about 30 cars, proceeded up to Rabun county after dinner to do a little sky watching.

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Once we all assembled on the big gently sloping rock face below the Visitor Center, we started the protocols. Steven held the 500,000 watt search light and made triangles in the sky, someone else played the ship-sounds tape, and we all settled down for some coherent thought sequencing. Something we were doing was right, because after about five minutes of the signaling and the group quietly beaming thoughts, we began to see oddly moving lights high overhead. They looked like satellites (in size and probable distance from us) but they were making right angle turns, making a circle over us. I saw at least three of them, others said there were four. There was no mistake about it. Contact had been made. But several people in the group started to get excited, interrupting the thought sequencing, and we were starting to be noticed by some other people, unrelated to our group, who were naturally curious as to what 40 or so people were doing up there at that hour (about 10 p.m.). Steven made the decision to leave the area and

go to a piece of private land near Lake Rabun, but the energy of the group had been scattered, and the process of getting a 30-car caravan from Clayton to Lakemont (7 miles on pavement and 1 mile on gravel) broke it up further. I finked out at 11 p.m., and many others excused themselves, so I really don't know what happened with the hardy few that brought sleeping bags, cots and other provisions for camping. Nothing was said in the newsletter, which I continued to get for about a year, so I gather the field work achieved its high point at Black Rock Mountain.

What was left in my mind was a sense of great potential, if enough people can concentrate their energy coherently enough. Steven's "message" is that the immediate future of the earth calls for many groups of people, all over, to be able to contact the ships at will -- for support, information, perhaps even material help in whatever crisis might arise -- and that these groups need to be training now, so that we will be ready when the need is the greatest.

I agree with him on that, though I have no desire to be "under" the domination of CSETI. Steven deserves credit for his vision and his dedication to a worthy cause. But the larger universe belongs to all of us, and the reunion with our galactic families will go forward, with or without CSETI protocols.

I am glad to be a member of MUFON of Georgia, and I look forward to cooperative adventures with fellow "sky watchers."



Minutes From the Meeting February Minutes

by Roberta Puhalski

The February MUFON of Georgia meeting was held on February 10, 1996 at 7:00 p.m., after the Field Investigators Training Classes. Michael Norris, the Assistant State Director, opened the meeting by welcoming all. Michael defined for new members and visitors what the Mutual UFO Network is all about. MUFON was founded on May 31, 1969, and is based in Seguin, Texas as a nonprofit international corporation concentrating on the scientific study and

research of UFOs and related anomalies. MUFON believes that through a scientific study by dedicated investigators and researchers, the answers to the UFO enigma will emerge. Michael informed visitors that for \$30 they would not only become a member of MUFON, but would receive the MUFON UFO JOURNAL on a monthly basis. The JOURNAL is MUFON's most important means of keeping members informed and updated on UFO sighting reports and other vital information related to the UFO phenomenon.

Michael then introduced to the group Kelley Owens as Public Relations Officer. Kelley invited all guests to join MUFON of Georgia for a \$22 fee, which includes the *Georgia Sky Watch* newsletter. A copy of the newsletter was passed around so people could get an opportunity to view it. Kelley reminded everyone that the membership fee was due by the April meeting. After that deadline people who didn't wish to participate would have their names removed from the mailing list. Kelley shared with the group, that she is working on obtaining a non-profit status for MUFON of Georgia which would bring down some of the mailing costs. Kelly also reported on the continuing activities of herself and her husband Henry as they mail out letters of introduction to radio and TV stations. It was decided that a jar would be made available at every meeting, so that people could make donations towards the postage for this worthy project. It was also reported that ads for MUFON of Georgia were placed in the *Gwinnett Loaf*. Suggestions were made that we should coordinate trips to the Gulf Breeze conference in March and the Greenville, South Carolina conference in May.

A vote by a show of hands kept our monthly MUFON of Georgia meetings on Saturday. The decision to set a date for a sky watch to be held in LaGrange, Georgia was agreed upon. The meeting time and place will be published in an upcoming issue of *Georgia Sky Watch*.

Michael Norris took the floor again requesting that we should consider alternative methods of investigative research. He wants to see us progress from passive investigation to an active investigation process. He said we should consider the UFOs' physical impact on the environment through the powerful magnetic fields

reported in cases. Wouldn't it be nice if we could invent equipment that would detect the presence of such increasing magnetic fields, before abductions or sightings take place? If the event(s) and time(s) are recorded using the scientific method of research, these "hits" being consistent would create a "signature" of the phenomenon. By using known scientific standards to measure an unknown phenomenon, we might be able to interest the scientific community. Michael believes the more people we can involve in the scientific investigation and research, the better are our odds in finding out what is REALLY going on. He asked the group if anyone present could say they knew what this phenomenon was. Not one person in the room responded that they knew for sure!

The meeting broke into an open discussion concerning the psychological factors blocking much of our society's ability to believe in the existence of extraterrestrial life. Some members believe that social, political, religious and economic institutions would be threatened because of the belief in the superiority of mankind.

In response to Michael Norris's plea for a pioneering approach, a lengthy conversation on Dr. Steven Greer's CSETI took place. Several individuals at the meeting had attended his workshops and field work. There was a discussion of CSETI's activities by those present. CSETI stands for the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence. Michael shared that he was aware of the CSETI approach as he had interviewed personally Steven Greer for *UFO Encounters* magazine. However, Michael cautioned us that CSETI's activities and protocol are based on the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligence is benevolent. If extraterrestrial intelligence isn't benevolent, we would be putting ourselves in a potentially perilous situation. Michael said the Linda Moulton Howe tape on cattle mutilations and crop circles, to be shown later, might give us some food for thought! The discussion broke into a hypothetical situation where we would be out on a "sky watch" and an "object" would land. Field investigators as well as trainees informed Michael that they would "stand behind him" -- most uncomfortably behind him! Everyone hoped he would write, even if the postcard said "Wish you were HERE!" (I hope this vote of

confidence doesn't make Michael change his mind on continuing the F.I.T. classes.)

The discussion turned towards the reasons why individuals fail to report sightings and/or abductions. Leigh Culver, a hypnotherapist from Norcross shared with the group some of his findings through his work with abductees. Leigh had also recently returned from his second trip to the Soviet Union since their collapse and had some interesting observations.

Group discussion continued covering a multitude of sightings including experiences with the media in Phife, Alabama. The meeting eventually broke up as some people headed for the kitchen for snacks, while others prepared for Linda Moulton Howe's latest video tape.



Can UFO Technology Save Us?

by S. Christopher Early

Georgia State Director for MUFON

This is part 2 of 3 of Chris's article.

Europe: Deutsches Museum and Library in Munich Germany (Here there is much UFO information during the Hitler period of 1920s to 1940s), The British Museum, The Technology Museum in Vienna.

America: University of California Berkley, Stanford, Cal Tech, Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Library of Congress Science Division. Down South where I live: GA Tech, University of Georgia (Alma Mater Chem, Physics '51), University of Florida, Florida State, Auburn, University of Alabama, Mississippi State, Southern Miss, Vanderbilt, University of Tennessee, UNC Chapel Hill, Duke, North Carolina State and Clemson. In research papers, theses and doctoral dissertations, all have had something to offer. The Georgia Tech library has an excellent computerized catalog. It will search for information which combines one or more subjects. It also has all patents on microfilm, computer access to the patent office and the Library of Congress.

George Fawcett, the North Carolina director for MUFON is a very special person. He has lived in several different states and probably has the largest amount of UFO information and events of anyone alive. He has accumulated data on UFOs for nearly fifty years. Hopefully we will see his dream fulfilled with a museum in the shape of a UFO to house that data somewhere in the state of North Carolina.

Over the past 15 years in addition to visiting libraries I have accumulated data from sources in the news media, magazines, books and samples of diverse artifacts. Much of this has meant rummaging through many old book stores from coast to coast. Outside the establishment media, much of the information on UFOs is placed in the occult. Such magazines as *Fate*, if you can get past the ouija boards and crystal balls, is a great repository of information on scientific anomalies thanks to Curtis Fuller. Even Charles Fort can tell you a lot about what has fallen out of the sky, but, unfortunately, at a time when good analytical instruments were not readily available.

In a place called "Noah's Ark" in Abbeville, South Carolina, there is a cavernous building containing old and forgotten books on every subject. Here I found two old leather bound tomes on the works of Thomas Dick, a religious and scientific sage of the last century. They were printed in England in 1851. The following are excerpts on his wisdom from volume one.

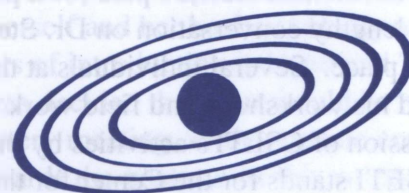
ON THE FACULTIES OF SUPERIOR BEINGS

In the next place - Beside the magnificence and variety of the material structure which exist throughout the universe, the organized and intelligent beings with which they are peopled present a vast field of delightful contemplation. On this general topic, the following ideas may be taken into consideration:

1. The gradations of intellect or the various orders of intelligence which may people the universal systems. That there is a vast diversity in the scale of intellectual existence, may be proved by considerations similar to those which I have already stated. Among sentient beings, in this world, we find a regular gradation of intellect, from the muscle, through all orders of the aquatic and insect tribes, until we arrive at the dog, the monkey, the beaver and the elephant, and last of all, to man, who stands at the top of the intellectual scale, as the lord of this lower world. We perceive, too, in the individuals which compose the human species, a wonderful diversity in their powers and capacities of intellect, arising partly from their original constitution of mind, partly from the conformation of their corporeal organs, and partly from the degree of cultivation they have received. But it would be highly unreasonable to admit, that the most accomplished genius that ever adorned our race, was placed at the summit of

intellectual perfection. On the other hand, we have reason to believe, that man, with all his noble powers, stands nearly at the bottom of the scale of the intelligent creation. For a being much inferior to man in the powers of abstraction, conception and reasoning could scarcely be denominated a rational creature, or supposed capable of being qualified for the high destination to which man is appointed. As to the number of species which diversify the ranks of superior intellectual natures, and the degrees of perfection which distinguish their different orders, we have no data, afforded by the contemplation of the visible universe, sufficient to enable us to form a definite conception. The intellectual faculties of even finite beings, may be carried to so high a pitch of perfection, as to baffle all our conceptions and powers of description. The following description in the words of a celebrated Swiss naturalist, may perhaps convey some faint idea of the powers of some of the highest order of intelligences:

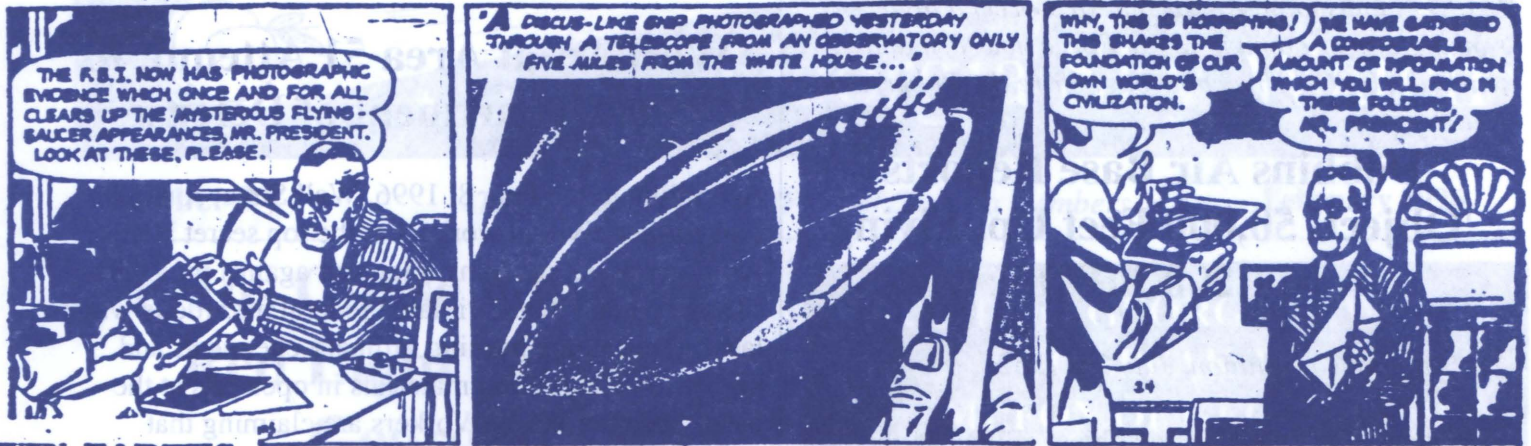
"To convey one's self from one place to another with a swiftness equal or superior to that of light; to preserve one's self by the mere force of nature, and without the assistance of any other created being; to be absolutely exempted from every kind of change; to be endowed with most exquisite and extensive senses; to have distinct perceptions of all the attributes of matter; to discover effects in their causes; to raise one's self by a most rapid flight to the most general principles; to have at the same time without confusion, an almost infinite number of ideas; to see the past as distinctly as the present; and to penetrate into the remotest futurity; to be able to exercise all these faculties without weariness; these are the various outlines from which we may draw a portrait of the perfections of superior natures."



Science Facts & Trivia

by Henry Owens

Electromagnetism: the physics dealing with the relationship between electricity and magnetism. Light is one form of electromagnetic energy, so called because the energy is carried by oscillating electric and magnetic fields through empty space. Actually, visible light constitutes only a small part of a wide range of different frequencies of electromagnetic radiation. Differing only in wavelength, electromagnetic waves may be called gamma rays, x-rays, ultraviolet light, visible light, infrared light, microwaves or radio waves. All electromagnetic energy propagates in a vacuum at a speed just over 186,000 miles per second.



TWIN EARTHS

This Twin Earths comic strip was printed in The Atlanta Constitution on July 13, 1952 -- less than a week before UFOs invaded the restricted air space over the White House.

Jet Pilots Ordered to Chase All Saucers

Air Defense Skeptical of Guided Craft Theory

The Atlanta Constitution, July 29, 1952

by Charles W. Corddry

WASHINGTON, July 28 -- (UP) -- The Air Defense Command alerted jet interceptor pilots today to take off instantly in pursuit of any "flying saucers" sighted anywhere in the country.

It acted after F-94 jets unsuccessfully chased "glowing white lights" seen in this area Saturday night. Mysterious objects were also seen the previous Saturday.

The new saucer reports include unexplained appearances on radar screens, but the Air Force remained skeptical. It said the reports have shown "no pattern" which would indicate the objects are being controlled by a reasoning body.

STATEMENTS STUDIED

Statements by "eyewitnesses," including Air Force and commercial pilots, are being studied here and at Wright-Patterson Air Force base, Dayton, Ohio. Meanwhile, interceptor planes are ready.

"The Air Defense Command's mission is air defense of the United States and it is vitally interested in anything unidentified that flies in the air," a spokesman said.

The futile attempt to intercept the object in this area over the weekend was undertaken by planes from Newcastle, Del., Air Force Base. The control tower at National Airport said as many as 12 strange "blips" of light appeared on its radarscope.

STORIES POUR IN

Saucer stories have been pouring into Air Force headquarters recently from all sections of the nation. The commanding officer of the Air Force Filter Center at Fort Bend, Ind., said today he has been spending "a couple of hours a day" studying such reports.

Indiana State troopers reported seeing a strange object "like a star" moving back and forth. A county civil defense director sighted flying objects "at low altitude."

COLORED OBJECTS

Some of the Indiana reports describe the objects as colored. The ones reported seen here were white.

A National Airlines pilot speculated the Air Force might be testing secret atomic aircraft.

The Air Force, which repeatedly has denied such tests, said it has received more than 1,000 saucer reports in the past few years but "only a smaller percentage of those received from reliable sources remain unexplained."

In a very unusual move for the Air Force, a high ranking officer admits the Air Force has seen and tracked a UFO. This came out before the Robertson Panel.

Dobbins Air Base Reports 'Object' 50,000 Feet Up, Flying 1,200 MPH

The Atlanta Constitution, July 25, 1952

Detection of an "unidentified object" flying at about 50,000 feet at an estimated speed of 1,200 miles per hour was announced Thursday by Dobbins Air Force Base officials.

Radar equipment spotted the object Monday at 10:30 a.m. during wind velocity tests.

Col. M. C. Woodbury, commanding officer of the 35th Air Division at Dobbins, disclosed the incident after speaking to defense officials in Washington.

Workers at Area 51 Attempt to Sue Department of Defense

According to the Feb. 8, 1996, Wall Street Journal four former civilian workers at the top secret Nellis Air Force Base are filing a lawsuit against the DOD. "They contend that it violated federal hazardous-waste law by repeatedly burning ordinary chemicals and highly toxic classified materials in open pits at the base," said the WSJ. Workers are claiming that exposure to toxic fumes have caused a great many health problems.

The government refuses to respond to the claims one way or the other citing that it might compromise national security. Sound familiar? The workers introduced 300 pages of documents for their case but the gov't retroactively classified them top secret.



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